Information concerning searches conducted by Central Excise is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

**Central Assistance for a WildlifeSanctuary at Chandka Area in Orissa**

708. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the "Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Wildlife sanctuary has been estab lished at Chandka area in Orissar;

(b) whether the Central Govera-ment have allocated any fund for the establishment and development of that • Wildlife Sanctuary; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central funds released for the development of the Chandka Wildlife Sanctuary, are as under:—

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| 1984-85 . | Rs. 8 00 lakhs |
| 1987-88 . | Rs. 25 00 lakhs |
| 1988-89 . (upto 15-7-19881 | Rs. 1 00 lakh |

709. *[Transferred to the* 8th *Auytist,* 1986].

**Counter Trade Policy**

710. SHRI YALLA SESI BHU3HA-NA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there are standing instructions of extending the counter trade policy to all large imports of projects and equipments;

(b) if so, whether these instructions are being followed strictly; and

(c) whether Government stipulate that all exports generated directly by acting as the Principal or indirectly by acting as the agent could be reflec-ted as the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation's trading transactions as was the prevalent international trading practice elsewhere in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Government has decided to encourage public sector undertakings and private sector enterprises to promote exports linked to imports of capital goods and bulk imports in order to augment foreign exchange earnings, improve access for Indian commodities and manufactures in new markets and to develop new marketing channels.

(c) Apart from counter trade exports against their own imports as well as imports of other public sector enterprises, all exports generated through the efforts of the MMTC as a co-exporter are included by MMTC . in their trading transactions.

**Bank Robberies**

711. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHA-NA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) the number of banks robbed by the armed dacoits or terrorists between 1st January, 1985 to 30th June, 1981 indicating the details thereof, State
wise;

(b) what is the amount of money (including the cost of gold and silveO of the banks robbed in the robberies; and

(c) what steps Government hs taken to prevent such bank rob and whether such steps have yields any result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMY AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF

FINANCE . (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) State-wise information in respect of the number of bank robberies/dacoities and amounts involved therein during the years 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988 (upto 30-6-1988) is given in the attached Statement. [See Appendix CXLVII. Annexure No. 36-A].

(c) Banks have been taking steps to improve their security arrangements go as to offer little inductment to miscreants to rob banks and also to deter them from such attempts. As this is a continuous process, security measures implemented by public sector banks are being reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/instructions are given to the banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, steps have been taken to appoint security guards, instal appropriate alarm systems, etc. in branches. Since apprehension of the culprits concerned is the most important deterrent, State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to make all out efforts to arrest the culprits. Further, in order to motivate bank employees, the general public and the police to resist robbers/dacoits, a scheme of rewards has been announced. However the impact of these steps to a considerable extent, depedns on the general security environment in the locality in which the bank's branch/office is located.

**Forest Development Programme to Andhra Pradesh**

712. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHA-NA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be ileased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra radesh Government has sent a sheme for and orage of seeds of forest Fpecies to *l*ike up a massive forest development rograrrme; and

(b) if BO, whether the Central Government have approved the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHTVRAJ PATTL): (a) and (b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for collection, certification, grading and storage of forest seeds is being formulated. In this connection, the Forest Departments of all States and Union Terri-tories were requested to send their suggestions and requirements. In response, the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department has furnished details of requirements of trained staff, equipment and other infrastructural facilities, costing Rs. 40 lakhs over a (period of five years. This requirement will be kept in view when finalising the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

**Inflation Rate**

713. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infla tion touched an alarming double digit figure in 25 cities in October, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the city-wise details thereof; and

(c) what was the corresponding figure during October, 1986, city-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The All India Consumer Price Index of Industrial Workers is the weighted average of 50 Industrial Centres. The annual infla' tion rate in October, 1987 in terms of CPI was 9.5 per cent. While 25 centres recorded a higher than the average rate of inflation, remaining 25 experienced a lower inflation rate as may be seen ' from the annexed Table.